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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest is active on less than half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. Sheeping off continues in some alfalfa growing regions. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, processed lettuce, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, processed lettuce, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, miscellaneous vegetables, and spinach. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, Navel oranges, and tangerines.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			–Percent–		
Alfalfa	1	13	31	40	15
Range and Pasture	49	30	14	6	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending February 26. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at various locations to 4 degrees above normal at Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 86 degrees at Coolidge and Maricopa. The lowest reading occurred

in Grand Canyon at 2 degrees. Precipitation was not reported at any of the 22 reporting stations. Only 10 of the 22 reporting stations have received precipitation this year to date. All of the 22 reporting stations are at below normal precipitation levels to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
February 20 - February 26, 2006

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	51	-3	78	28	0.00	0.00	-2.52
Buckeye	54	-3	85	31	0.00	0.00	-1.29
Canyon De Chelly	34	-6	62	11	0.00	0.56	-0.70
Coolidge	51	-5	86	27	0.00	0.00	-1.66
Douglas	50	2	72	22	0.00	0.13	-1.10
Flagstaff	29	-4	58	6	0.00	0.23	-3.74
Grand Canyon	29	0	56	2	0.00	0.24	-4.21
Kingman	44	-5	71	22	0.00	0.00	-1.71
Marana	54	-3	85	31	0.00	0.00	-2.26
Maricopa	54	-3	86	29	0.00	0.00	-1.48
Paloma	53	-6	81	27	0.00	0.00	-1.52
Parker	55	-4	83	29	0.00	0.00	-1.44
Payson	40	-4	67	20	0.00	0.21	-3.55
Phoenix	58	-1	78	43	0.00	0.00	-1.29
Prescott	40	-1	64	19	0.00	0.04	-2.91
Roll	55	-4	84	30	0.00	0.00	-0.57
Safford	49	-2	73	26	0.00	0.31	-0.98
St. Johns	39	-3	65	13	0.00	0.14	-1.05
Tucson	54	-2	75	35	0.00	0.00	-1.51
Willcox	50	4	73	25	0.00	0.16	-1.46
Winslow	36	-6	65	10	0.00	0.05	-0.88
Yuma	56	-6	81	30	0.00	0.00	-0.56

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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